

### Family Tree Of French-Canadians Is His Hobby

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MONTREAL (CP)—Emile Vaillancourt is a writer, diplomat, artist and scholar whose hobby has made him an authority on the history of French-Canadian families.

The 69-year-old former ambassador to Peru, Yugoslavia and Cuba recently retired to his native Montreal where he lives among treasures collected throughout the world.

For years French-Canadians have consulted him about their family roots, and although their names have sometimes undergone weird transformations, he has rarely failed to trace the family source.

**COMPLETE RECORDS**  
He often surprises a new acquaintance by rhyming off that person's lineage back to his Norman ancestors.

In a book published in 1930 called *The Conquest of Canada* by the Normans he compiled short biographies on every Norman settled in French Canada.

That French-Canadian ancestry can be traced so completely is due to an edict of Francis I of Normandy, he said. In 1539 that ruler issued a decree ordering every parish priest to record in duplicate the births, marriages and burials, one copy to be kept in the church and the other in the district judicial office. The tradition was brought to French Canada by early missionaries.

In later publications Mr. Vaillancourt turned to Canada as a whole. He hammered away at what he believed was a sense of dependence and inferiority among Canadians in pamphlets with such titles as *Canada: A Creed*, and *Is Canada a Plantation?*

Now, however, he feels Canadians have achieved a sense of nationhood.

**ROYAL LUNCHEON**  
LONDON (Reuters)—The Queen and Prince Philip gave a small private luncheon at Buckingham Palace Tuesday for a group of leading British scientists, education, religious and art figures.

**NOTABLE PART**  
"The part Canada took in two big wars, her representation in world organizations, people like Lester Pearson who was chairman of the General Assembly of the United Nations and later a Nobel Peace Prize winner—the facts have brought us into the realm of nations."

Throughout Europe, Emile Vaillancourt has many friends among the ranks of authors and scholars.

Edmond Rostand, author of the play *Cyrano de Bergerac* became a close friend after Rostand was asked to allow a quotation of *Cyrano's* to stand as a motto on a Boy Scout crest Mr. Vaillancourt was designing.

"One of the great and finest persons I ever knew was Emile Ludwig, the German author—whose funeral oration I delivered in 1946—the same year my wife died."

The four Vaillancourt children—three beautiful daughters and a son—are married and scattered throughout the world, the son in Cuba, the daughters in Washington, Morocco and England.

**FINE SCHOLAR**  
His main pleasures during his retirement are in his charitable work, in letter-writing and in reading Latin, Greek, French and English. He speaks Spanish, Ger-

man, Italian and Yugoslavian.

He recalls with a chuckle an occasion when he was a student at a Jesuit school. He argued with a priest over the translation of a passage in Virgil. Young Emile turned out to be right, and was put out of the class, "evidently because I was an embarrassment to the teacher." Later the school principal had him reinstated.

Son of a wholesale grocer, when he left college he worked as a cub reporter for the now defunct French-language daily *La Patrie*, then as a travel agent conducting world tours. Later he became director of tourism for the province of Quebec.

He has been given honorary degrees by the Universities of Cannes, France, Laval in Quebec, and the University of Montreal.

The city of Dieppe in France, birth-place of one of his ancestors, awarded him an honorary citizenship for his studies of lineage of Norman families.

"It's been a long and full life," says Mr. Vaillancourt. "But if I had it to do again, I'd do exactly the same. The main purpose, it seems to me, is to be good to one another. I've tried to do that."

### Canada Council Makes Grants Scholarships

OTTAWA (CP)—The Canada Council Thursday announced capital grants totalling \$4,557,000 to 14 universities and colleges and 101 scholarships and fellowships worth \$142,000.

Grants to universities are made from the council's \$50,000,000 university capital grants fund to assist institutions of higher learning build arts, humanities and social science buildings.

Awards to institutions range from a \$4,000 grant to help build a women's residence at College Ste. Anne, Church Point, N.S., to \$1,050,000 for a men's residence at the University of Western Ontario in London.

Other university capital grant announced were:

Dalhousie University, Halifax, for a men's residence and library, \$550,000; Mount Allison University, Sackville, N. B., for an extension of the memorial library \$122,000; St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, N.S., for a men's residence, \$375,000; St. Joseph's University, Moncton, N.B., for a student's residence, \$135,400.

The scholarships and fellowships include 76 pre-master's scholarships, two pre-doctoral fellowships, three junior arts fellowships, one short-term grant and 19 special scholarships and fellowships.

Pre-doctoral and junior arts grants average about \$2,000 and an average pre-master's scholarship is about \$1,200. The one short-term grant of \$700 went to musicologist Kenneth Peacock of Ottawa to continue research in

Newfoundland folklore this summer. No specific sums are allocated for special scholarships and fellowships which range from help to an anthropologist to do research on the eastern Arctic's population, to an architect preparing a textbook on community planning.

### Marine Begins Climb Back

CHERRY POINT, N.C. (AP)—Matthew C. McKeon, convicted of negligent homicide after six members of his recruit platoon were drowned on a forced march in 1956, has been promoted to corporal.

McKeon was a staff sergeant platoon leader at Parris Island, S.C., when the six were drowned April 7, 1956, during a night march he ordered.

The 33-year-old McKeon subsequently was convicted by court martial of negligence and drinking in the barracks before the march. He was sentenced to nine months at hard labor and was reduced in rank to private.

McKeon is an administrative clerk with marine fighter squadron 114 at this marine base. The base information office said McKeon was promoted May 1 as a regular procedure.

"He's a good marine and gets along fine," the office said. "He's doing a fine job."

**HISTORIC FORT**  
Fort Churchill, built on Hudson Bay in 1688, was named after Lord Churchill, later Duke of Marlborough.

### Rail Strike Looms In U.K.

By R. B. MacLURKIN  
LONDON (Reuters)—Negotiations to head off a rail strike collapsed Wednesday as the labor movement blasted the Conservative government for attempting to hold down pay increases in its anti-inflation campaign.

London's sensitive money market reacted adversely to widespread fears of a strike starting in about 10 days. A rail walkout also could paralyze London travel by pulling out the subways on which the city has been leaning heavily since a bus strike began at midnight Sunday.



**SIGNS AUTOGRAPH BOOKS**

Signing autograph books takes up a lot of the leisure time of all celebrities, particularly stage personalities, movie stars and other international figures, but with teen-age idols it is a full-time job. Popular singer Johnny Cash (center) is no exception. While in Charlottetown, the young singer was besieged with boy and girl autograph hunters under 20. Two of the lucky locals are shown above. Barbara Macmillan (left) and Kaye Younker. Guardian Photo

### TIMELY NOTES ON FUR TOPICS

Japan is rapidly becoming an influence in the world's fur markets, and Japanese ranchers expect to produce more than 145,000 mink kits by 1960. They formed an association on the island of Hokkaido with 65 members, and they have set their production quotas as follows: 1958 — has met expectations with 25,300 kits; 1959 — is expected to have a count of 69,500; and 1960 — a total of 145,800 kits.

This means, in our view, that their goal is the production of immense quantities of mink and not too much attention being paid to selection and improvement. This is where they differ from Canadian and American ranchers, whose constant aim is to improve the quality of the mink they are raising.

Japan has two advantages which we do not possess, namely very cheap labor and immense quantities of fish which can be obtained for feed at ridiculously low prices. Where they will fall down is that they won't be able to produce the newer and more fashionable types that Canadians and Americans are bringing out. So the threat is not as serious as one might expect it to be.

The Hokkaido government is responsible for the interest which is being taken in the development of mink in that area, and they believe that the ideal family mink rancher should have about 800 animals.

**MINK BOOM**  
The mink boom seems to be carrying on as usual in auctions in the United States. The New York Auction Company sold 91 per cent of its 7,028 Great Lakes Mink Association pelts last week, and they also sold 92 per cent of over 4,000 pelts shipped by various ranchers.

The report states: "Considering the quality of the offering, the sale of the above dark ranch mink pelts was considered very good, with top price for males \$33.50 and females bringing a top of \$18.75."

**INTERPRETING THE NEWS**  
It's A Long Hard Climb Before Summit Reached

By DAVE MCINTOSH  
Canadian Press Staff Writer  
The mountaineers are becoming more chilled as they struggle up the tortuous track to that political Everest, the summit.

The early ardor of the climbers—those ascending from the West and those from the East—is apparently cooling rapidly.

First the Russians seemed to push vigorously for an East-West heads-of-government meeting, with the Western nations hanging back.

Then, as the West warmed up to the idea, though hesitantly, the Soviets started backtracking. They accused the United States of endangering peace, such as it is, with polar bomber flights toward Russia and then vetoed in the United Nations Security Council any further discussion of a U.S. plan for mutual Arctic inspection.

**WEST COOLS**  
Now it is apparently the West's turn to start the descent long before the summit has come into clear view.

Reports from Copenhagen, where the NATO foreign ministers have just concluded a policy review, say the West will insist that a summit conference must take up such items as German reunification and the status of Russia's Eastern European satellites.

The U.S.S.R. has steadfastly refused to have such subjects listed on any summit agenda.

Thus it appears that, after a brief skirmish on the lower slopes, both sides will retire and regroup for another propaganda assault.

Denmark, that started raising mink some ten years ago, is now a considerable factor in European fur affairs. At a sale in Copenhagen, which was held from April 23 to 30, a lot of 10,000 blue mutations, 30,000 pastels, 35,000 standards, and 4,000 white and black cross mink were listed.

To show the versatility of the fur houses of England, we notice that Anning, Chadwick and Kiver, will offer 55,000 Persian lamb; 30,000 black Russian Persian lamb; 5,000 white fox; 8,000 Russian wild mink; 400 squirrel pelts; 700,000 Russian squirrels; 350,000 Russian muskrat; and 50,000 weasel skins, plus at least a dozen other types of furs.

At the Nordic fur auction in Stockholm, Sweden, on April 24, 90 per cent of the 16,446 pastel mink was sold. Keen interest was shown in the consignment of blue foxes, and 162 silver fox were 80 per cent sold with a top price of \$12.00. Blue fox was 100 per cent sold with an average price of \$16.00.

**VALUABLE MAN**  
We had the pleasure of a visit from our friend, Lowell W. Hancock of Summerside early this week, and we were mighty glad to see him and to learn that his mink production is very satisfactory.

Lowell has been a tower of strength to fur farming in this province for many years, and has given freely of his time and knowledge to help others make a success of it. He is well acquainted with every phase of fox and mink farming, and in the old days when fox shows were held, he was always one of the top contestants, and the same is true when he exhibits at mink shows.

His contributions to publicity, and his Maritime Fur News are read and have been the means of helping many others to produce better foxes and mink. We are glad to know that he has a good turnout this season, and that he secured very satisfactory prices for last year's output.

**CRUEL BLOW**  
This may be a cruel disappointment to the world's people, but not as cruel as a summit meeting would be if it ended in disharmony and name-calling.

Under the circumstances, there is considerable merit in Canada's idea for a series of East-West meetings, not necessarily of heads of government, which would take problems one at a time, starting with the least contentious.

This proposal was first advanced by External Affairs Minister Sidney Smith in a CBC radio broadcast April 20. He has repeated it in London and Copenhagen.

Setting the sights low on a comparatively easy target might result in a hit, first tiny agreement which might lead later to major settlements.

**Balloonists Go Up 40,000 Feet**  
MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—Two space explorers, a seasoned balloonist and the first astronomer to observe the heavens from the stratosphere, said Wednesday they found the stars don't twinkle when observed from about 40,000 feet over the earth.

Navy Cmdr. Malcolm D. Ross and Alfred H. Mikesell smiled through beard stubble as they described their experimental balloon flight as very successful.

The two were weary and hungry after being flown here from Dubuque, Iowa, near where their balloon came down in a slow

fall at 8:26 a.m. EDT Wednesday. The flight to 40,000 feet in an open fiberglass basket began at 8:50 p.m. EDT Tuesday from an open-pit mine near Crosby, Minn.

Happiness showed through the fatigue on their faces as Ross and Mikesell talked to reporters. Mikesell, 44, an astronomer whose specialty is studying the scintillation of the stars, said the view was the best he ever had.

The ascent provided the first test of techniques that some day will be used to record men's physical reactions in an orbiting satellite.

**Get \$39,500 In Holdup Of Credit Union**  
QUEBEC (CP)—Three armed men Wednesday held up the \$1.1 million Fidele Caisse Populaire (Credit Union) in Quebec City's Limoilou district and fled with an estimated \$39,500 in cash.

The men, their faces covered by kerchiefs and wearing sun glasses, entered the branch two minutes before the 3 p.m. closing time.

They forced the manager and four other members of the bank staff to lie on the floor. Then they swept cash from the drawers in the three tellers' wickets into two paper shopping bags.

A customer who entered the branch while the holdup was in progress was forced to join the staff members on the floor.

When the cash was packed one of the bandits left the premises and drove a car through a driveway to the back door of the bank. His two companions then ordered the staff and the customer into the vault, closed but did not lock the door and fled in the car.

The holdup was carried out in nine minutes.

**CABINET TAKES OATH**  
OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister Diefenbaker and members of his cabinet Tuesday were sworn in as members of the new House of Commons, a formality carried out after each general election. Leon Raymond, clerk of the Commons, went to the cabinet chamber in the East Block of the Parliament Buildings at 10 a. m. for the ceremony. The ceremony preceded a morning meeting of cabinet.

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**2 tbsps. chopped almonds**  
Arrange peaches over edge, roll up; cut into 6 slices. Place, cut side up, in greased 7- x 11-inch pan. Bake in hot oven, 400°, 25 mins. Meantime, bring to boil, stirring, 1 tbsp. granulated sugar, 1 tbsp. corn starch, few grains salt, 1 tbsp. lemon juice, 1 c. peach syrup (use water, if necessary, to bring measure up to 1 c.). Stir in 1 tbsp. butter or margarine and 1/4 tsp. almond extract

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